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SUBJECT: STATEMENT ON VIOLATIONS OF DEMILITARIZED STATUS
OF EAST BERLIN

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1. US REP HAS RAISED IN TRIPARTITE MEETING MATTER OF
POSSIBLE ALLIED STATEMENT TO SOVIETS REGARDING VIOLATIONS
IN ESB OF DEMILITARIZED STATUS OF BERLIN. REFERRING TO
TEXT PREPARED BY ALLIED BERLIN MISSIONS, US REP PROPOSED
THAT EMBASSIES AD REF AGREE TO CAPITALS. FRENCH REP
(BOISSIEU) RESPONDED THAT HE AGREED WITH MAKING STATEMENT
IN PRINCIPLE, BUT THIS "FIRST NON-ROUTINE STATEMENT" TO
SOVIETS ON ISSUE SHOULD BE HANDLED WITH CARE. HE
WONDERED ABOUT TIMING AND LEVEL, SAYING THE STATEMENT
WOULD PROBABLY GET CAUGHT UP IN SOVIET MIND WITH STANDARD
ALLIED PROTESTS HE EXPECTED THE ALLIES WOULD MAKE REGARD-
ING MAY 1 THROUGH MAY 9 MILITARY EVENTS LIKELY SET FOR
ESB. BOISSIEU ADDED THAT FOR STATEMENT OF KIND
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ENVISAGED, PERHAPS CAPITALS OR MOSCOW WOULD BE BETTER

VENUE.

2. UK REP (CULLIMORE) INDICATED HE AGREED; THERE WAS NO REASON TO RUSH AHEAD WITH DEMARCHE MEANT TO BE MORE THAN OF ROUTINE NATURE WHEN ALLIES WOULD MOST LIKELY IN NEXT WEEK OR SO BE MAKING "ROUTINE" STATEMENT. IT MIGHT ALSO BE GOOD IDEA TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT GDR MILITARY ACTUALLY DOES IN ESB DURING 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.

3. COMMENT: THOUGH ALLIED STATEMENT NOT POSSIBLE FOR TIME BEING, WE WOULD NOTE APPARENT ALLIED AGREEMENT TO PROCEED WITH PROJECT. WE WONDER IF ALLIED DEMARCHE ON DEMILITARIZATION VIOLATIONS SHOULD NOT BE MORE FUNDAMENTAL IN NATURE, NOT TIED TO RELATIVELY PETTY EVENT OF PUBLICATION IN GAZETTE OF ESB CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION AND CALL-UP NOTICE PUBLICATIONS. THESE COULD, OF COURSE, BE USED AS EXAMPLES OF VIOLATIONS, BUT MORE PROFOUND FOCUS WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE FOR SUCH "NON-ROUTINE" DEMARCHE. WE WOULD FAVOR THE BERLIN MISSIONS WORKING ON A TEXT MORE ALONG THESE LINES, AND WOULD ALSO WELCOME COMMENTS REGARDING VENUE AND LEVEL OF POSSIBLE STATEMENT.
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